

controls certain basic functions of the data processing system 213. Random access memory ("RAM") 214, I/O adapter 218, and communications adapter 234 are also coupled to the system bus 212. I/O adapter 218 may be a small computer system interface ("SCSI") adapter that communicates with a disk storage device 220 and tape drive 240. Communications adapter 234 interconnects bus 212 with an outside network enabling the data processing system to communicate with other such systems. Input/Output devices are also connected to system bus 212 via user interface adapter 222 and display adapter 236. Keyboard 224 and mouse 226 are interconnected to bus 212 via user interface adapter 222. Display monitor 238 is connected to system bus 212 by display adapter 236. In this manner, a user is capable of inputting to the system throughout the keyboard 224 or mouse 226 and receiving output from the system via display 238.

IN THE CLAIMS

(1) Please add the following new Claims:

- 1 27. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the product identifier is unique to a particular company.
- 1 28. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein the import/export transaction is associated with the particular company.
- 1 29. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first terminal is coupled to the server over the network.

1 30. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the matching step results in the tariff
2 classification information being assigned to the product identifier included in the invoice data.

1 31. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
2 modifying the database to update the product identifiers and/or tariff classification
3 information particular to each of the product identifiers to ensure an accuracy of associations
4 between the product identifiers and corresponding tariff classification information.

1 32. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the invoice data lists products to be
2 imported/exported, and each product is identified with a product identifier.

1 33. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the tariff classification information is a
2 harmonized tariff number for a particular country.

1 34. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of creating a
2 customs entry report for the import/export transaction.

1 35. The method as recited in claim 34, wherein the customs entry report is sorted by
2 tariff numbers.

1 36. The method as recited in claim 34, further comprising a step of creating a master
2 report to facilitate the import/export transaction.

1 37. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a
2 harmonized tariff schedule in a split screen during the matching step.

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1 38. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the database of product identifiers and
2 tariff classification information is customized on a per customer basis to ensure that the matching
3 of the product identifiers with the tariff classification numbers is in compliance with local
4 customs regulations.

1 39. The system as recited in claim 19, wherein at least one product identifier is unique
2 to a particular company.

1 40. The system as recited in claim 39, wherein the import/export transaction is
2 associated with the particular company.

1 41. The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the first computer is coupled to the
2 server over the Internet.

1 42. The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the matching program results in the
2 import/export transaction information being assigned to the product identifier included in the
3 invoice data.

1 43. The system as recited in claim 19, further comprising:
2 a program operable for modifying the database to update the product identifiers and/or
3 import/export transaction information corresponding to each of the product identifiers to ensure
4 legal compliance of associations between the product identifiers and corresponding import/export
5 transaction information.

1 44. The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the invoice data lists products to be
2 imported/exported, and each product is identified with a product identifier.

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1 44. The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the import/export transaction
2 information is a harmonized tariff number for a particular country.

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1 45. The computer program product as recited in claim 24, wherein the product
2 identifier is unique to a particular company.

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1 46. The computer program product as recited in claim 45, wherein the import/export
2 transaction is associated with the particular company.

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1 47. The computer program product as recited in claim 24, wherein the matching steps
2 result in the tariff classifications being assigned to the product identifiers included in the invoice
3 data.

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1 48. The computer program product as recited in claim 24, wherein the tariff
2 classifications are harmonized tariff numbers for a particular country.

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1 49. The computer program product as recited in claim 24, wherein the database of
2 product identifiers and tariff classifications is customized on a per customer basis to ensure that
3 the matching of the product identifiers with the tariff classifications is in compliance with local
4 customs regulations.

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1 50. A method for importing products into a country, comprising the steps of:
2 creating an invoice representing a purchase of the products by a customer resident within
3 the country, wherein the invoice lists the products by product number;
4 uploading invoice data over a network to a server from a workstation coupled to the
5 server over the network, wherein the invoice data is an electronic version of the invoice;

6 creating a database of customer products and tariff classification information, wherein the
7 database is accessible by the server, wherein the database comprises product numbers for
8 products particularly associated with the customer, wherein the product numbers are each
9 assigned a harmonized tariff number particular to the country;

10 comparing the product numbers in the invoice data to product numbers in the database to
11 compile a customs entry report where the product numbers in the invoice are each assigned a
12 harmonized tariff number;

13 using the customs entry report to create a master report to facilitate entry of the products
14 into the country, wherein the master report includes the harmonized tariff numbers assigned to
15 each of the product numbers; and

16 sending the master report to a government customs office.

1 ⁵²₅₁ The method as recited in claim ⁵¹₅₀, further comprising the step of updating the
2 database to ensure that the associations of the harmonized tariff numbers with the customer's
3 product numbers are in compliance with the country's customs regulations.

1 ⁵³₅₂ The method as recited in claim ⁵¹₅₀, further comprising the steps of:
2 importing the products into the country; and
3 facilitating passage of the products through the country's customs office using the master
4 report created as a result of the comparing step.

1 ⁵⁴₅₃ The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of inputting further comprises
2 scanning in a paper invoice at the first terminal, wherein the paper invoice contains the invoice
3 data.

1 ⁵⁵₅₄ The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of maintaining
2 compliance of the database with current tariff regulations.